

SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENT

Support for claims 8-10 is found on page 8, compound (F). No new matter would be added to this application by entry of this amendment.

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-5 and 8-10 will now be active in this application.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

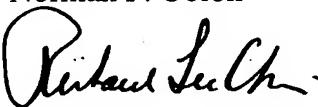
The claimed invention is directed to a dermatologic preparation comprising a diamide derivative, a humectant comprising a diamide derivative and a skin barrier function reinforcing agent comprising a diamide derivative.

The rejection of claims 1-7 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-5 of U.S. 6,685,953 is obviated by the enclosed terminal disclaimer disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent issuing from the above-identified application which would extend beyond the full statutory term of U.S. 6,685,953. In view of applicants' filing of the terminal disclaimer, withdrawal of this ground of rejection is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit this application is now in condition for allowance and early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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